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## TWENTY DEATHS.

### The Result of a Cyclone's Visit to Kansas City.

### And a Great Loss of Property—Particulars of the Disaster.

### English Press Opinions on the Home Rule Bill.

### Delegate Joseph's Private Land Claims Bill Passes the House.

### Events of a Day as Gathered for The Gazette.

KANSAS CITY, May 11.—A fearful storm of wind and rain swept over this city today, continuing from 11 o'clock to noon. The court house on Second street was totally destroyed above the second story. There were a number of persons in the building hurt.

THE UNFORTUNATES.  
3 p. m.—As nearly as can be learned amid the intense excitement and confusion, about twenty persons are known to be dead. Frank Smith, of Smith & Moffat, owners of the spice mills situated in the old Works building on Second and Main streets, was killed. Deputy Sheriff Dougherty was buried in the ruins of the court house and at 3 o'clock the searchers were reported to have come in sight of his body. A teamster who took refuge in the court house is so missing.

At the Lathrop school house eleven children are reported dead. Of the four buildings wrecked all were more or less unsound. The school building had been twice condemned and the court-house has by many long been considered unsafe. No one was killed except in these four houses.

WHAT CAUSED IT.  
The storm, though entailing so heavy a loss of life was nothing of the nature of the tornado that visited the city three years ago; it was a violent wind, accompanied by a flood of water and some hail, which turned many streets into rivers. Signs, shutters, chimneys, etc., were blown down with the gale and a number of vehicles overturned in the streets. The storm was preceded by a black cloud which rolled over the city and created almost the darkness of night and made timid ones crouch in terror in cellars. The streets were entirely deserted and in some instances horses were seen wandering about attached to vehicles and seeking refuge from the pelting storm.

SOME OF THE RESULTS.  
The disastrous effects of the storm were confined to the north end of the city except in the destruction of the Lathrop public school building, on Eighth street and all the buildings generally, excepting those mentioned, withstood the force of the storm. The main office of the Western Union Telegraph company is in this portion of the city and the poles heavily whiplashed with wires, were broken off, letting the wires down in a tangled heap.

One span at the north end of the railroad bridge across the Missouri river was blown into the river, blocking the Hannibal & St. Joe, Rock Island, Wabash and Kansas City, St. Joe & Council Bluffs railroads.

The Lathrop school building, at Eighth street was partially wrecked and many children were caught in the ruins. Seven are said to have been killed.

FATALITIES.  
An overall factory on Second street was blown down and eight girls have been taken out, four of whom were dead. Many others are in the ruins but there is scarcely any hope for their lives. In the confusion it is impossible to ascertain definitely the extent of the calamity but it is said that over twenty employees are imprisoned.

The old water works building near the court house was blown down and one or two persons there are missing.

1 p. m. A report from the Lathrop school makes ten badly hurt, besides those killed.

THE KILLED AND WOUNDED.  
The following list is as nearly accurate as can be given at 4 o'clock:

At the Lathrop school house: Nellie Ely, Mary Bishop, Josie Martin, and Linna, her brother, Kate Smith, Ruth Jameson, Bessie Ince, Mattie Moore, Edith Patch, Robert Sprague, and L. T. Moore, Jr., were killed. Among the injured are May Hoover, a child named Terry, Edna Evans, Eva Hazlett, Nellie Curry, and Maud Askew.

At the water works building W. A. Waldon was injured about the head and breast, quite seriously; Major Livermore was hurt about the head; Lieut. F. H. Young, knee broken and hurt about the head; Nelson, hurt about the head.

At the court house building, Mr. Moor, of Independence, was dangerously hurt; C. A. Hodges had his back broken; Will Hodges, leg broken; James Chase, badly hurt. The prisoners in the jail in the basement of the building were scattered but unhurt.

## An English Opinion of the Seizure of the Adams.

TORONTO, May 11.—The Globe, in an editorial on the seizure of the American fishing vessel David J. Adams says: "There seems to be no room for doubt that the master of this vessel acted illegally and that the seizure was properly made. The people of the United States did not know what they were doing when they arrogated the fishing close in the Washington treaty. They first saw that their fishermen cannot, pursue their business profitably unless they are permitted to take or purchase bait on our shores. For the sake of Canada and for the sake of the empire we hope that the action taken by the imperial government, if they interfere in this business openly or secretly, will be to help us to maintain our rights and not thwart, hamper or restrain us in enforcing the terms of the treaty."

The Mail says: "If, as the London Times asserts, the English people have no interest in seeing their Canadian fellow subjects robbed, be it so, though understanding that fact, if it be fact, it might perhaps set some of us thinking very seriously about the drawbacks of colonial existence; but it would not frighten us into surrendering our property to Americans. Our clear duty to ourselves, if the Americans will agree to no reasonable settlement, is to continue to protect our fisheries as best we can. Thirty thousand Canadians are dependent upon the fishing industry but even if our fisheries were not worth one poor farthing, we should still be inclined to defend them to the best of our ability for to tell the truth we have grown weary of being sacrificed."

## Chicago Labor Notes.

CHICAGO, May 11.—No attempt was made to resume operations in the west side lumber district this morning and the eight to ten thousand men usually employed in the yards and planing mills are still idle. The lumber men claim that the great majority of the men are overpaid by Bohemian socialists who infect that region. A large force of police continue stationed in the district to guard against any outbreak. The yards in the north and south divisions of the city and the south Chicago yards and planing mills have all resumed operations on the old basis of ten hours work and ten hours pay, so that the lumber business of the city is in reality only slightly affected.

All the metal working establishments opened again this morning with a larger working force than yesterday.

As a class the furniture workers constitute the only workers still holding out for eight hours.

The boot and shoe manufacturers who tried the eight hour day as an experiment are considering the advisability of returning to ten hours.

All evidence of the presence of the great strike is rapidly disappearing in every portion of the city.

## A Bad Accident on a Sleeping Car.

PITTSBURG, May 11.—A freight wreck in the mountains on the Ponkey via road last night resulted in the destruction of twenty-five cars. Three men were killed outright and the tracks obstructed badly. It will take twelve hours to clear them. The accident was the result of the heavy storm which swept along the Conemaugh valley, near Conemaugh. A number of empty cars were standing on the siding and the tornado which prevailed picked them up and carried them over to the main track. A heavy westbound freight train going at the rate of thirty miles an hour came along about midnight and crashed into the obstruction before the engineer had time to reverse his engine. Conductor Thomas Conners, Engineer Thomas Mousie, and Fireman Michael Meyers were killed instantly, but the remainder of the crew escaped with but slight injuries.

## A Lost Steamer.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 11.—The steamship Acadia, of Baltimore, has been given up as lost. She sailed from Port Antonio, Jamaica, on April 10, with a cargo of bananas, and up to present time has not been heard from. Ordinarily she should have made the passage in eight days and never longer than eleven days. A few days ago a vessel arriving in London reported passing the house of a steamer at sea, and from the description which was given it was much like that of the Acadia. Shortly after the Acadia sailed a cyclone prevailed in the vicinity of the West Indies and it is presumed she was caught in it. She had a crew of fifteen men.

## The Celebrated Case.

ST. LOUIS, May 11.—The work of selecting a jury to try Brooks, charged with the murder of Preller, was continued up to 3 o'clock when fourteen men out of the necessary forty-eight from whom the final twelve are to be selected, had been chosen. It is not thought the work of procuring a jury will be finished until the end of this week.

## Lucky Democrats.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate today: Clarence Ridgely Greathouse, of California, to be consul general at Kanagawa, the nomination of Warren Green for the position having been withdrawn.

## What are They For?

BELFAST, May 11.—Belfast papers today published advertisements inviting tenders for 30,000 Snyder rifles and the same number of bayonets, to be delivered at Antrim, on or before June 1st next.

## The Queen on a Trip.

LIVERPOOL, May 11.—The queen arrived here today for the purpose of personally opening the Liverpool International Exhibition. This is the second time her majesty has visited Liverpool during her reign.

## Another Strike.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11.—A general strike of switchmen has been inaugurated here because a non-union man was employed by the Vandalla railroad.

## PRIVATE LAND CLAIMS.

### Passage of the Bill by the House to Investigate and Regulate Them.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The special order for the day in the house being the consideration of business reported from the committee on private land claims, the house went into committee of the whole on the bills providing for the appointment of a commission to ascertain and settle private land claims in New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado. Weaver, of Ohio, thought the house should go slow in passing upon the subject. He read a letter from Geo. W. Julian, surveyor general for New Mexico, in which that gentleman expresses the opinion that the passage of the bill will be disastrous to the best interests of the territory.

Bymes, of Colorado, said while he had great respect for the opinion of Mr. Julian, he declared that private land claims could not be properly settled under a system of laws which left the adjudication to the executive and political branch of the government as had been experienced. Under the act undertaken to have the executive department, through the surveyor general of New Mexico settle private claims in that territory, the surveyor general had proceeded to investigate and to report to the commissioners of the general land office, and upon these reports the cases have been brought before congress. Now and then claims have been confirmed for millions of acres in excess of the proper amount of land involved. Fraud has been charged and counter charged.

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was a sample of the frauds which had arisen from the attempt. It had been proved to be a farcical failure to attempt to settle private land claims through the executive branch of the government when the claims were worth millions and the cupidity of ringmasters and schemers was involved.

On motion of Reagan, of Texas, an amendment was adopted providing that before the title to any claim shall be confirmed the claimant shall show that all taxes due the territorial and municipal government have been paid.

On motion of Hewitt, of New York, an amendment was adopted providing that whenever a claim is presented before the commission it shall be the duty of the commission, before proceeding to hear the same to:

## DETERMINE THE EXTENT

thereof in the number of acres, and all final decisions shall be limited by the preliminary determination and the commission shall not include in its determination any land in excess of the amount intended to have been embraced in one grant, and for the purpose of such determination the commission shall have control of the nature of the evidence of those officers relative thereto.

McAdoo, of New Jersey, offered an amendment providing that no alien, or person not a citizen of the United States shall acquire title to any land, subject to the decision of the commission, unless his right to the same is clearly provided for by one of the treaties referred to in the bill. Agreed to.

## Hard-up Utah.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The president sent to congress today a message calling attention to the condition of affairs existing in Utah owing to the governor of that territory vetoing the last appropriation bill which provided for the support of schools, courts, charitable institutions, etc. Referring to the fact that under the existing law the legislature cannot convene for nearly two years he recommended the speedy enactment of such legislation as will authorize the assembling of the legislature at an early day.

## The Day's Doings of the Apaches.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—A Tucson, Nogales special says: A courier just arrived from Barnett's ranch, twenty-five miles southwest of Nogales, brings the news of the killing of Charles Murray and Thomas Shaw yesterday. Geronimo's entire band is supposed to be in that locality. Two hundred troops are in chase pursuit.

## Gladstone Losing Ground.

LONDON, May 11.—The defection among the supporters of Gladstone is growing rapidly today. The number of adherents of Lord Hartington and Chamberlain has risen from 88 to 108. English and Scottish radical papers that hitherto supported Gladstone now concur in the opinion that his concessions are inadequate and that the joint commission he proposes is practically impossible and that the Home Rule bill is doomed to defeat, unless amendments be made.

## Most at Home.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Johann Most the anarchist and agitator, was arrested tonight about 10 o'clock, and placed in jail. In the house where Most was arrested were found a number of Winchester repeating rifles with bayonets and books upon dynamite bombs and kindred topics.

## Who is Was.

DENVER, May 11.—The name of the woman who shot Rob Wright yesterday at Elizabeth, is Alice Burns. She and her brother were remanded to jail without bail to await the action of the Elbert county grand jury.

## One Useful D. Legate.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The house has passed Delegate Joseph's bill to provide for the settling of private land claims in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. Three commissioners and clerks are to be appointed to examine witnesses. The treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo is to be respected.

## Surveyor General Julian has recom-

mented the rejection by congress of the Ojo del Medio grant claimed by Francisco Chaves.

## Gladstone's Second Effort—Press Opinions.

LONDON, May 11.—This morning the Pall-Mall Gazette says: Gladstone's speech last night made a bad matter worse and sealed the fate of the home rule bill. It adds that Mr. Henry Labouchere, who has acted as intermediary between Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Chamberlain, had informed the latter that the premier was willing to make adequate concessions in order to secure the support of the radical leader and his adherents, but the speech did not bear out this promise in the way it had been accepted by Mr. Chamberlain, and the Gazette says he was astonished and disgusted, and openly declared in the lobby of the house of commons that he had been misled and would now oppose Mr. Gladstone's bill, "tooth and nail."

The St. James Gazette says: There is no longer any doubt that the disruption bill (Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule measure) has collapsed.

The Globe asserts that there is less chance now than ever of the Home Rule bill passing its second reading.

## They should Have Passed.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—During the discussion of the inter-state commerce bill in the senate today a number of amendments were offered making it a felony to stop trains engaged in interstate commerce, but all were voted down.

## Anarchists in South America.

BUENOS AIRES, May 11.—Yesterday as President Roca was proceeding to open a session of congress, an attempt was made on his life. It proved unsuccessful. The name of his assailant and his object is unknown.

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